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Subject: Re: EPA Invites Public Comment on the Proposed Cleanup Plan for the Lower Eight Miles of the Lower Passaic River

Thanks -- any update on the other two meetings?

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On Tue, Apr 22, 2014 at 5:31 PM, Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov> wrote:

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FYI, the below ad was published in the Monday, April 21 edition of The Star-Ledger:



**EPA Invites Public Comment on the Proposed Cleanup Plan for
the Lower Eight Miles of the Lower Passaic River - Diamond
Alkali Superfund Site**

Essex and Hudson Counties, New Jersey

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued a Proposed Plan for the Lower Eight Miles of the Lower Passaic River, part of the Diamond Alkali Superfund site, Newark, New Jersey. The Proposed Plan identifies the EPA's preferred cleanup plan for addressing contaminated river sediment and the rationale for this preference.

The EPA's preferred cleanup plan consists of the following: constructing an engineered cap over the lower 8.3 miles of the Lower Passaic River bank-to-bank. The cap would consist of approximately two feet of sand, and where needed to prevent erosion of the sand, a layer of armoring stone. Before the engineered cap is installed, the river would be dredged bank-to-bank (approximately 4.3 million cubic yards) so that the cap can be placed without causing additional flooding and to allow for the continued use of the federally-authorized navigation channel in the 2.2 miles of the river closest to Newark Bay. Dredged materials removed would be dewatered and transported by rail to off-site incinerators and landfills depending on their characteristics. Long term monitoring and maintenance of the cap would be performed to ensure its stability and integrity. Long term monitoring of fish and sediment would be performed to determine when interim cleanup milestones and goals are reached.

During the public comment period the EPA will hold three public meetings to inform the public of EPA's preferred cleanup plan and to solicit public comments on all of the cleanup options evaluated including the preferred cleanup plan. For more information, contact David Kluesner, EPA, at (212) 637-3653.

Public Meeting on Wednesday May 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Portuguese Sports Club (Main Room)

55 Prospect Street

Newark, New Jersey

Meetings in Kearny and Belleville, NJ will be held at a later date. EPA will announce the dates and locations by posting information on <http://www.OurPassaic.org>, issuing news advisories and placing a newspaper display ad.

The Proposed Plan and other site documents are available electronically at www.OurPassaic.org. Project documents are also available for public review at the following information repositories established for the site:

**Newark Public Library
Region 2, Superfund Records Center**

Elizabeth Public Library

EPA

5 Washington Street
Broadway, 18th Floor

11 South Broad Street

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Newark, NJ
York, NY 10007

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(973) 733-7784
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(908) 354-6060

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The EPA is taking written comments on the Proposed Plan for the Lower Eight Miles of the Lower Passaic River, part of the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site through June 20, 2014.

Comments should be emailed or post marked by June 20, 2014 and sent to:

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